

Application No. 10/049,732
Amendment dated October 20, 2004
Reply to Final Rejection dated May 20, 2004

REMARKS

Applicant notes and appreciates the Examining Attorney's remarks regarding the allowability of claims 2-4, 6 and 9-11 if rewritten in independent form.

In this regard, claim 12 has been amended to include the structural limitations of claim 2, which has been canceled.

Claims 3 and 6 have been amended to depend from newly amended claim 12.

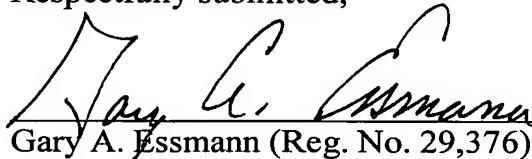
New independent claim 13 contains all of the limitations of independent claim 12, along with those listed in dependent claim 4, which has been canceled.

Claims 10 and 11 have been amended to depend from this new independent claim 13.

Finally, new independent claim 14 has been added which contains the limitations of claim 12, along with further defining the controller as a hydraulically driven adjustment unit separate from the piston and supplied with compressed oil by a hydraulic unit that is independent of the medium transported by the piston.

It is earnestly believed that all of the Examiner's objections have been met and discussed and that this case is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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